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REQUEST FOR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT REFUND DUE TO OFFICE ERROR

Applicant claimed small entity status on the filed Transmittal Letter, a copy of which is appended.

Upon reviewing the undersigned attorney's Deposit Account Statement for the month of July 2006, a copy of which is appended, it was discovered that two large entity fees and an assignment fee had been charged to the undersigned attorney's deposit account for the above-identified application. These are explained in more detail below.

Upon seeing the charged fees on the deposit statement, the undersigned attorney's secretary reviewed the Transmittal Letter to the US Designated/Elected Office and found

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that when she reduced the fees by ½, because the Applicant claimed small entity status, she did not include in that calculation the reduction of fees for lines 21, 22 and 23. The calculations that were reduced were the fees relating to the claims. Because that reduction was not taken, total fees in the amount of \$1555.00 were paid for the National Fee, when Applicant should have only paid \$1055.00. Thus, Applicant overpaid the National Fee by \$500.00, and that amount should now be refunded to the undersigned attorney's deposit account.

Further, the Deposit Account Statement showed that instead of crediting the overpaid fees in the amount of \$500.00 to the account, the Office instead charged the account more fees in relation to the claims.

Even though applicant had overpaid fees in the amount of \$500.00, the Office charged the undersigned attorney's deposit account the following fees: (1) a large entity fee for one (1) extra independent claim in the amount of \$155.00; (2) a large entity fee for multiple dependent claims in the amount of \$360.00; and (3) an Assignment recording fee in the amount of \$40.00. The two fees listed above that relate to the claims had already been paid by Applicant at the small entity charge and the Assignment recording fee had also been calculated on the Transmittal Letter and paid by applicant, as shown on the appended copy of the Transmittal Letter. The fees were properly paid by applicant as small entity fees, because applicant claimed small entity status. The excess charges occurred because the Office personnel did not notice that applicant had claimed small entity status. Consequently, the undersigned attorney's deposit account was overcharged in the amount of \$5555.00 for the three fees listed above.

In summary, the total amount that was overpaid by applicant and erroneously charged by the Office to the undersigned attorney's deposit account is as follows:

OVERPAID FEE BY ATTORNEY

\$ 500.00

ERRONEOUS CHARGES BY OFFICE

\$ 555.00

TOTAL TO BE REFUNDED TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

\$1055.00

The undersigned attorney also requests that the computer records of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office be checked to make certain the Office records accurately reflect that Applicant is entitled to small entity status.

The examiner is authorized to communicate with the undersigned attorney by email by the following recommended authorization language: Recognizing that Internet communications are not secure, I hereby authorize the USPTO to communicate with me concerning any subject matter of this application by electronic mail. I understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file. (Authorization pursuant to MPEP 502.03.)

Respectfully submitted,

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Appended: Copy of deposit account statement

Copy of Transmittal Letter

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Deposit Account Statement

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